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**PUBLIC INVITED TO OBSERVE/ADDRESS
THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S
RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
IN TAOS, NEW MEXICO**

The New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Taos, NM, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4 at the Sagebrush Inn at 1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, New Mexico, 87571, starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. This meeting is open to the citizens of New Mexico. The Public may address the RAC on Thursday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m. on issues the RAC has under consideration.

The purpose of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands.

This will be the first meeting for 6 new RAC members. The main topic of discussion will be Off Highway Vehicle use on Public Lands. Presenters will include:

- Jim Keeler, BLM's National lead on Off Highway Vehicle use, will address the RAC regarding National Management Strategy. (Thursday)
- A US Forest Service representative will discuss Off Highway Vehicle efforts on the Arizona Forests as related to what they are doing with BLM. This could be a the template for addressing OHV issues and concerns here in New Mexico. (Wednesday)
- BLM Field Office Manager's Reports
- RAC Subcommittee Reports: Roads and Trails, Urban and Open Space, and Energy.

The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities. The New Mexico RAC was established in 1995 as a component of the BLM's Rangeland Management Program. It is made up of volunteer New Mexicans who have a wide variety of viewpoints and expertise on how best to guarantee healthy public lands in the State.

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